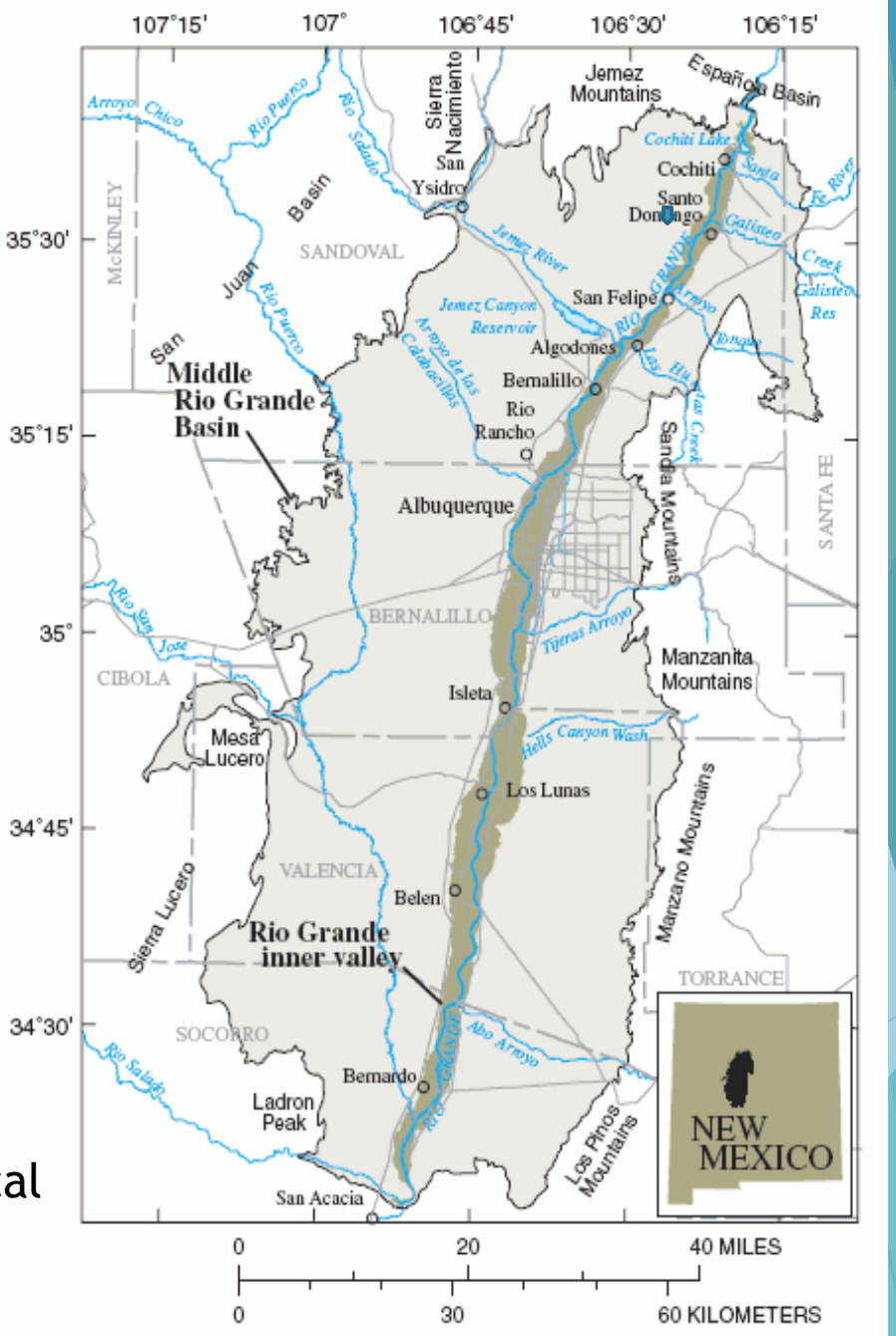
Local Water 101

The Albuquerque Basin, the ABCWUA and the San Juan-Chama Diversion

Location of Albuquerque Basin (in gray)



Major physiographic and hydrologic features of the Middle Rio Grande Basin.

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San Juan Chama Diversion Project

Wild River Section of the Rio Chama below El Vado Dam

The Current Conditions on the Upper Colorado River

The Desert Princess, a three-level paddle-wheeler, cruises past Rock Island, March 17, 2019, in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area near the Arizona/ Nevada border. A high-water mark or "bathtub ring" is visible on the island; Lake Mead is down 139 vertical feet. *(Photo: Mark Henle/The Republic)*

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April 20, 2012

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A high-water mark lining Lake Powell near Page, Ariz., in 2015. A severe drought has gripped the American Southwest since 2000.Credit...Rick Wilking/ Reuters

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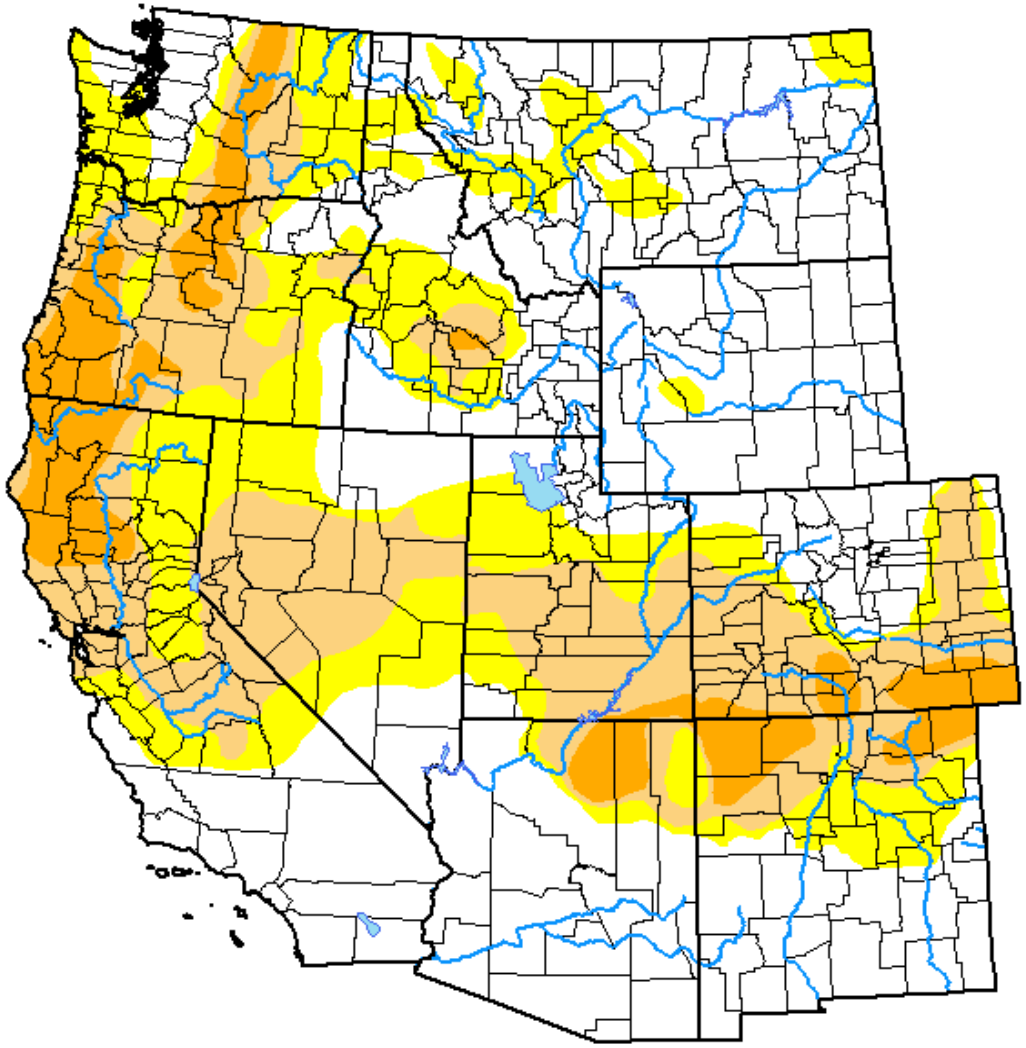

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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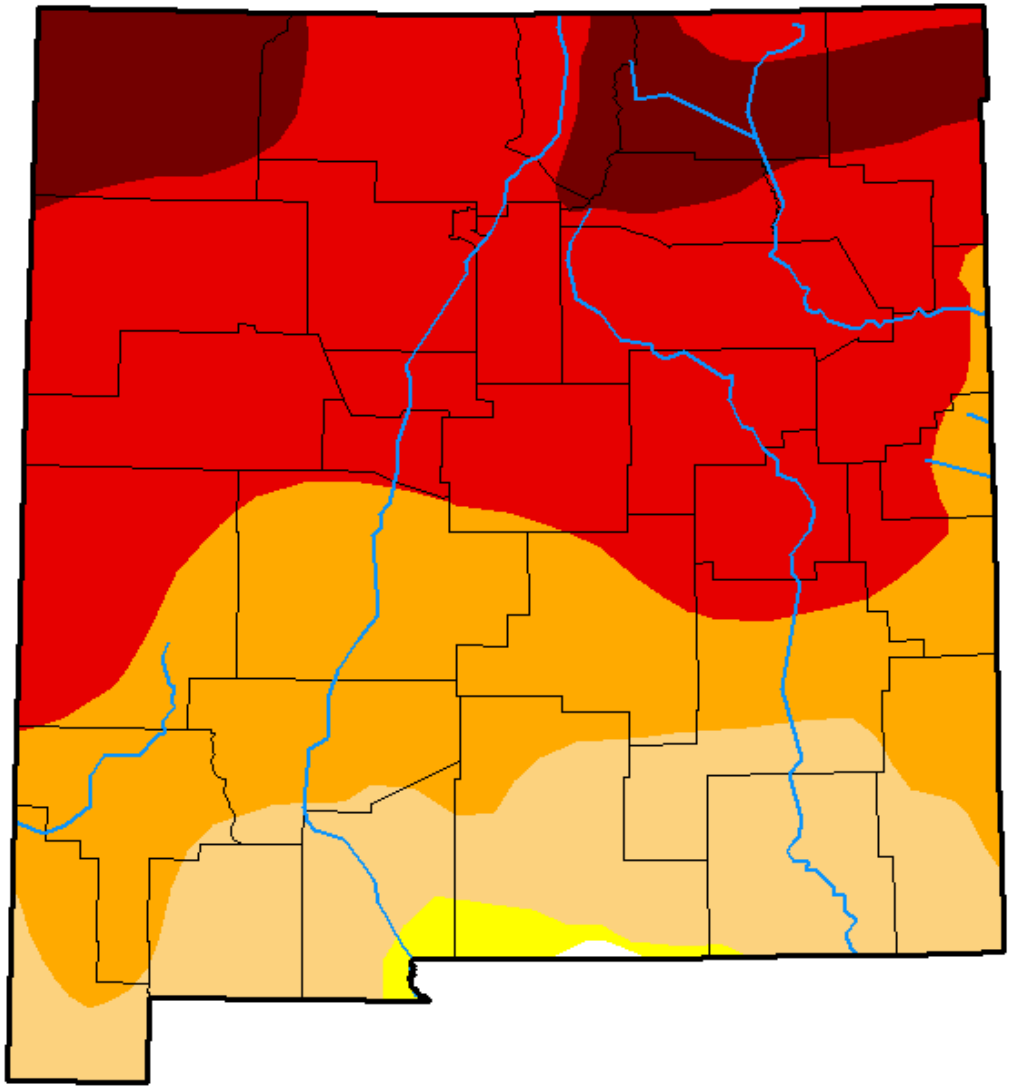

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.12	99.88	98.56	81.14	55.38	10.59
Last Week *05-01-2018*	0.08	99.92	98.56	80.84	45.06	10.59
3 Months Ago *02-06-2018*	0.00	100.00	97.42	79.66	0.27	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-02-2018*	7.01	92.99	45.97	4.76	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-26-2017*	85.16	14.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *05-09-2017*	81.51	18.49	6.56	0.00	0.00	0.00

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